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A GENERAL INDEX TO THE COMMON LAW REPORTS, VOLUMES 1 to 83 inclusive. Second Edition. By GEORGE W. BIDDLE and RICHARD C. MCMURTRIE, of the Philadelphia Bar, 2 vols. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., 1857.

A work involving so much labor and embracing such an immense number of points, cannot be reviewed satisfactorily without study and labor on the part of the reviewer himself. A long use of the first edition of this Index, for which the profession were indebted to Mr. Biddle, enables us to speak with more confidence than we should otherwise be willing to do without a critical examination of this edition. The first and essential element of any index, is *accuracy*; the well known character of the editors with their brethren of the Bar at home, is a sufficient voucher for that. The second indispensable requisite is fulness in the number of titles and the multiplication of sub-heads, and this the table of titles shows, by simple inspection. A ready mode of finding a point decided anywhere in one hundred and sixty-three volumes of law reports, is a signal comfort to a professional man, who frequently is compelled to seek his authorities in the hurry and perplexity of *nisi prius* trials. We do not hesitate to commend the labors of our friends, Messrs. Biddle and McMurtrie, to the earnest consideration of the profession, feeling quite sure that the inquirer into the common law authorities from 1813, will not be disappointed in readily finding the very case or point he here seeks.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. A. O. Zabriskie, Reporter. Vol. IV. From February term, 1853, to March term, 1855, inclusive. Trenton, 1856. pp. 945.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Andrew Dutcher, Reporter. Vol. 1, from June term, 1855, to June term, 1856, inclusive. Trenton, 1856. pp. 717.

The New Jersey reports have always borne a high character with the profession, both from the learning of the men who argued questions in her forum and from the signal ability of the judges who decided them. The matter of reporting has not always been as faithfully, nor as adequately done as the fame of the bar would seem to have merited. For many years the appointment of her reporters was given for political reasons and was frequently a mere *job*. This was found by the bench and the bar, an